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SUPERVISOR COOK TO HOST
NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE

Beginning on May 15, Braddock District Supervisor John Cook will be hosting a new Neighborhood College program. The Department of Neighborhood and Community Services will be supporting this program presentation.

The Neighborhood College is a civic engagement program open to residents interested in learning about Fairfax County and how to work with neighbors, community organizations and local government. This knowledge can be used to strengthen neighborhoods, build citizen engagement, and promote a strong sense of community. This is an excellent leadership program for residents who serve as officers on their homeowner or civic association boards, or who just want to learn more about how the County works.

Supervisor Cook is a Neighborhood College graduate and knows personally the tremendous value this program can bring to the community. It has been several years since the last Braddock District Neighborhood College and it is time to train the next set of community leaders and volunteers.

If you would like to learn more or register for the series, please contact Ann Sharp or Kiel Stone at 703-425-9300 or e-mail ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Through a combination of lectures and group discussions, participants will:

- Learn about Fairfax County Government and how it works
- Understand demographic profiles and trends in community context
- Explore topics that impact or strengthen neighborhoods and communities
- Find out how to work effectively within diverse neighborhoods and communities
- Become effective community leaders

Date: Thursdays, May 15 – June 19

Time: 6:30 p.m.–9 p.m.

(Dinner provided)

Location: David R. Pinn Community Center, 10225 Zion Dr, Fairfax, VA 22032

*Draft Agenda***May 15 – County 101**

- Overview of County
- Overview of Budget
- Demographics

May 22 – Public Safety in Your Community

- Police
- Emergency Preparedness

May 29 – Code Enforcement & HOA Community Leadership Part I

- Code Enforcement
- HOA Community Leadership I
- Governance
- How to Organize a Project
- Conflict Resolution

June 5 – HOA Community Leadership Part II**June 12 – Environmental Issues****June 19 – Cultural Competence and Graduation**

Supervisor John C. Cook

**ATTENTION
HOMEOWNER AND
CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS:**

Let us know about your successful Community Engagement efforts! You're doing great work! Please call (703) 425-9300 or email Ann Sharp at ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov with your latest information.

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SUPERVISOR COOK'S BUDGET STATEMENT

On April 22 the Board of Supervisors approved a budget for FY2015, which begins July 1, 2014. The budget increases the tax rate by half a penny — this is on top of tax assessment increases that averaged 6.5 percent countywide (7 percent in Braddock). Although I support many parts of this budget, I believe that, overall, it is misaligned with both our stated priorities and with current economic realities. I joined Supervisors Linda Smyth (D-Providence) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) in voting no. The budget will be formally adopted on April 29.

The tax rate increases from 1.085 to 1.09 per \$100 of assessed home value. The County will transfer about \$1.9 billion to Fairfax County schools, a 3 percent increase (\$51.5 million) over last year. In comparison, non-school County spending grows by 5 percent, a disparity that is inconsistent with stated Board priorities. Increases in school enrollment are outpacing population growth in Fairfax County, yet the Board is increasing County funding at almost twice the rate of school funding.

When I voted for last year's budget I relied on the Board's multi-year budget projection, which anticipated that the tax rate would remain flat this year. In the intervening year, however, commercial real estate growth remained stagnant.

It is clear that commercial properties are no longer providing a reliable source of revenue to the County and residential taxpayers now shoulder a disproportionate share of the tax burden. Despite this

difficult economic picture, the Board voted to close a \$10 million gap between expenses and revenues with an unnecessary tax increase.

I have voted for tax increases in the past when I believed they were critical, but in this budget I believe we could have achieved our goals through further reductions in County spending rather than by increasing the strain felt by taxpayers. I agree with the increased funding for schools and employee compensation in the Board's budget. However, there were many proposals on the table from Supervisors of both parties that—primarily through targeted reductions in other County spending—would have balanced the budget and allowed for these increases without raising the tax rate.

My vote yesterday also took into account more than just this latest tax increase. As always, I considered the total tax burden facing residents. In addition to assessment increases countywide, sewer and storm water fees have gone up over the last few years and will rise again next year. Since FY2013, real estate tax payments have increased by 12 percent, though our houses are still worth less today than they were in 2008.

I want to thank the many citizens I've spoken with and heard from regarding the County budget this year. Your insights have been invaluable and I've used your guidance in making my decision. Thank you for continuing to be engaged in our communities and please keep in contact. I value your input.

MEALS TAX REFERENDUM TO BE STUDIED

Chairman Bulova recently announced her intention to establish a Task Force to assess whether to present a referendum for voters to establish a meals tax in Fairfax County and to determine how revenue from such a tax would be used. The Task Force will also consider the timing for placing a meals tax on the ballot. Former Board Chair Kate Hanley and former Congressman Tom Davis will co-chair the group which will contain members of various groups including the chambers of commerce, political parties, civic associations, schools, and others. The full text of the Chairman's Board Matter on the meals tax can be found on her [website](#).

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, towns and cities are permitted to have a meals tax subject to an affirmative vote by the governing body. Counties, however, may establish a meals tax only if a referendum is approved by the voters. The last time this proposal was put on the ballot in Fairfax County was in April, 1992. The referendum was not successful. During this last difficult budget cycle, the question of a meals tax was raised again. The purpose would be to diversify revenue available to fund schools, public safety, parks, libraries and human services. Tax revenue is now raised disproportionately through taxes on homeowners. If adopted at the same approximate rate as cities and towns in Northern Virginia, the rate would be 4 percent of the cost of a restaurant meal and would result in annual revenue of approximately \$88 million. The Task Force report is due to the Board on June 17.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT! The 2014 Fairfax 50+ Plan Proposed Initiatives!

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, together with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging, has been working with the community to create the 2014 Fairfax 50+ Plan. During the summer of 2013, over 800 people offered their ideas at forums held throughout the county. Work teams of business and nonprofit representatives, residents and county staff then reviewed the ideas and developed a proposed plan. [Read the proposed 2014 Fairfax 50+ Plan and let us know what you think!](#) The comment period extends to May 15.

SUPERVISOR COOK IN THE COMMUNITY

On April 1st, Supervisor Cook hosted his Budget Town Hall Meeting at Robinson Secondary School. Joining him were Megan McLaughlin, the Braddock District representative to the Fairfax County School Board, and Ed Long, the County Executive for Fairfax County.



On April 3rd, Supervisor Cook attended the Annual Shelter House Breakfast which was held at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna. Later that day, he was the featured speaker at the Springfield Rotary Club's regular meeting which was held at JW & Friends in Springfield.

On April 5th, Supervisor Cook took part in the annual Opening Day Parade and Ceremony for the Fairfax Little League.

On April 16th, Supervisor Cook was honored to attend the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Scholarship Reception hosted by Rodney and Kim de Peiza of Burke. The reception was held at Key Concepts Knowledgebase, LLC in Fairfax where Mr. de Peiza is President.



On April 22nd, Supervisor Cook hosted a community meeting to discuss the planning and redevelopment of the Garden World property on Rt. 29 in the western part of the District.

On April 24th, Supervisor Cook attended the FACETS Annual Breakfast which was held at the Waterford of Fair Oaks. Later on in the Braddock office, he presented a plaque to members of Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) in recognition of Child Abuse Awareness Month.



On April 25th, Supervisor Cook attended the Volunteer Service Awards which highlight exception volunteer service by Fairfax County residents. Later that evening, he gave welcoming remarks at the Kings Park/Kings Glen Elementary School Staff Volleyball game which was held at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

On April 27th, Supervisor Cook attended the Northern Virginia Remembers the Holocaust Name Reading Ceremony at the Jewish Community Center in Annandale. Afterwards, he went to the Tysons Crowne Plaza for the annual Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association Citizen of the Year Banquet.

On April 29th, Supervisor Cook was invited to speak at the annual meeting for the Truro Homeowners Association. The meeting featured other local elected officials responsible for this Annandale neighborhood.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXUS 2014 All-Day Conference, Access to Hope: Whole Child, & Whole Health...

Facilitating Health and Resiliency in the Community, Family, and School

Date: May 9

Time: 10am-3:30pm

Location: FCPS Virginia Hills Center, 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria

Forums and lunch are free to all – The public is most welcome. To RSVP, contact NEXUS Coordinator, Lainge Bailey by e-mail: laingebailey@earthlink.net; laingeb@cox.net or by phone: 703-660-2327

Fundraiser and Fashion Show for The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Mason

Date: May 20

Location: The Country Club of Fairfax Fashions by Bloomingdale's at Tysons Corner

Timeline of Events:

- 10:30 am Social Hour & Entertainment
- 12:00 Noon Fashion Show
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- FUNdraiser to benefit OLLI programs and GMU student scholarships

Fairfax 50+ Employment Expo

Date: May 30

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

No registration is necessary – just drop by! Admission and parking are free. Attend seminars on changing careers, online job searching, continuing education, starting your own business, job training, resume critiquing and job interviewing. Joyce A. Russell, vice dean of the University of Maryland's School of Business and contributor to the Washington Post's Capital Business, will discuss the importance of job coaching.

Cardboard Boat Regatta

Date: June 1

Location: Lake Accotink Park

A 25-year tradition! Find out who will sink and who will float in their cardboard boat on Sunday June 1. Park entrance fee: \$4 per vehicle; applies to all vehicles entering the park that day. | 10 a.m.: Boat drop off begins | Noon: Judging | 2 p.m.: Races start | 7 Race Categories - Fun for All Ages! More info [here](#).

SUPERVISOR COOK DELIVERS KEYNOTE SPEECH

Supervisor Cook was the keynote speaker at the Annual Shelter House Breakfast in April. Shelter House, Inc. is a community-based, non-profit organization serving homeless families in Fairfax County, Virginia.



[Shelter House](#) programs have a three-fold purpose: to provide a secure, structured environment where families can regain a sense of stability and perspective; to respond to identified client needs with a variety of supportive services, which enhance the individual's employment and housing status, educational level, medical care and personal growth; and to promote healthy, stable families who are connected to a network of community supporters and opportunities.

Kings Park Shopping Center Community Meeting

Location: Braddock Hall | **Date:** May 29 | **Time:** 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | Regency Centers recently had its site plan approved for the renovation of the Kings Park Shopping Center. Site work will begin in late May and will include the demolition of the Veterinary Clinic on Rolling Road. Giant Food will fully close during the month of June and common area improvements, including façade enhancements, repaving and a new patio area will begin in early July and should be complete in the October/November timeframe. The existing Giant will be demolished and expects to reopen in the Spring of 2015. Renderings are available in the Braddock Office for review.

HUMAN SERVICES CORNER

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

One in five Americans has a mental illness and many are reluctant to seek help or might not know where to turn for care. The symptoms of mental illness can be difficult to detect — even when friends and family of someone who appears to be developing a mental illness can tell that something is amiss, they may not know how to intervene or direct the person to proper treatment. Far too many (up to two-thirds) go without treatment or significantly delay seeking services. For more information, visit the Community Service Board [website](#).

Is it Dementia or Depression?

If your senior loved one is experiencing symptoms like these...

- Decreased concentration
- Difficulty focusing
- Inability to make decisions
- Memory Loss
- Disturbed sleep patterns
- Irritability, agitation and restlessness

Don't assume it is the early signs of dementia. Think again. It might be very treatable depression. Find out more, read [Depression in the Elderly](#).

CHERYL MCDONALD NAMED 2014 BRADDOCK COMMUNITY CHAMPION

On April 24, Cheryl McDonald was honored by Supervisor Cook at the Volunteer Service Awards Breakfast as Braddock's 2014 Community Champion.

Cheryl currently serves as the Danbury Forest Homeowner Association President and has been actively involved with the community for many years. She led a successful effort to change the county-approved land use to allow its 326 households to make small changes to their homes which had been built in 1970. She is an individual who embodies the term "community engagement," and has taken progressively responsible leadership roles in Danbury Forest and in Braddock District. As a Master Gardener and a Virginia Certified Horticulturist, she has made her expertise available to the residents of her 115 acre community that is largely situated in a Resource Protection Area. She is also adept at pulling members of her community into these efforts, coordinating Danbury Forest's recent NEPP grant where 67 community members put in over 1300 volunteer hours. She personally worked to establish two large community garden plots on HOA property in a power line easement in 2003. The gardens are still thriving and about forty families currently participate and grow their own fresh vegetables, herbs and fruits. She has also worked closely with Dominion Power on replanting native species vegetation in the transmission line easement. She has been unflagging as a member of the Friends of Accotink Creek and recently worked with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District on a grant to undertake a

stream bank restoration project that will address some significant erosion issues. In addition to her commitment to Danbury Forest, Cheryl has been a member of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee from its inception and currently serves as its chair.



BIKE TO WORK DAY 2014
FRIDAY MAY 16

Register at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org or call 800.745.7433

'BEST OF BRADDOCK' AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Best of Braddock Awards. The BoB's are given annually by the Braddock District Council and Supervisor Cook in recognition of those who contribute to the betterment of life and services in the Braddock District.

Awards are given in the following categories:

1. Braddock District Citizen of the Year
2. Braddock District Young Person of the Year
3. Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification in the Braddock District/Individual Homeowner or Community Association
4. Commercial Beautification or Improvement in the Braddock District--Landscaping, Building Appearance, Clean-Up, Other
5. Most "Can-Do" Public Employee Working on Issues in the Braddock District-- Federal State or Local
6. Most Outstanding Business Person in the Braddock District
7. Club or Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District

Please contact our office for the nomination form and submit your nominations by May 31. Awards will be presented at the Braddock District Picnic on July 10.

The Burke Farmers Market is Open!

Location: 5671 Roberts Parkway | Dates: Saturdays May 3 - November 22 | Time: 8 a.m.-Noon | There will be a Master Gardener Plant Clinic on site to answer questions about plants in your landscape. More information [here](#).

BRADDOCK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16 which is available on most cable networks. Each month, Supervisor Cook invites topical guests on to share pertinent and informative items with the viewers.

This month's show features Detective Joseph Sorrentino of the Fairfax County Police Department Child Exploitation Unit to discuss the serious issues that we face, not only in Fairfax County, but nationwide. On a daily basis, our children are being targeted in a number of ways, and Detective Sorrentino came to educate us on what we can do to be vigilant and proactive against these threats.

The shows air throughout the month and can be seen Sundays at 5pm, Wednesdays at 7pm and Fridays at 5pm.



FAIRFAX FEDERATION HONORS BRADDOCK RESIDENTS

Two longtime Braddock residents were honored on April 27 at the 64th Annual Awards Banquet for their contributions to Fairfax County.

Jan Hedetniemi was named Citizen of the Year for her active engagement in community life. In her remarks, Hedetniemi used a baseball analogy to describe herself as a "utility player" who does what she is asked. Over the last decade that has included the presidency of the Oak Hill Citizens Association and the Braddock District Council. Jan also served on and chaired the Transportation Advisory Commission. Jan served for 7 years on the Tysons Task Force served as Vice Chair of the Steering Committee which helped formulate Comprehensive Plan language for Tysons. She has served on the Park Authority Board and currently serves on the Planning

Commission. Jan also helped to form and served as the first chair of the Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee.

Tena Bluhm, the President of the George Mason Forest Homeowners Association, was recognized with a Citation of Merit for her work chairing the Commission on Aging where she has guided the development of the County's 50+ Plan through numerous workshops and hearings. Tena has also been active on the Braddock District Council. She planned and helped present two major seminars on Universal Design and the "Village" concept, which helps seniors to remain active in their homes. Tena works tirelessly on behalf of older adults and has put a "face" on aging issues in the County.

Congratulations to these tireless and dedicated residents.

LAND USE UPDATE

Garden World. (RZ/FDP-2014-BR-007) Supervisor Cook hosted a Community Information Meeting on April 22 for residents to hear about the proposal by Capretti Land and NVR, Inc. to place 41 single family homes on a 14 acre parcel that will front Lee Highway and have egress on Forest Hill Drive. The density is 2.95 homes per acre and the project is proposed to be served by 24 foot wide private streets. Over 50 residents attended the meeting and asked questions about traffic impacts, open space, parking, stormwater and tree preservation. There was also concern voiced about connecting the project to an adjacent subdivision that feeds onto Shirley Gate Road. The project includes a "reservation" of a 1.6 acres strip of about 75 foot deep along Lee Highway that would be held for the construction of a grade separated interchange at Shirley Gate Road and Lee Highway sometime in the future. That area would remain uncleared. The applicant indicated that comments and suggestions would be considered in reworking the plan. The Braddock District Land Use Committee has formed a group that will closely examine this proposal.

Burke Junction. Supervisor Cook hosted a Community Information meeting on Monday night, May 5, at Bonnie Brae Elementary School where the development team for this proposed new sub division of 16 single family homes presented its proposal to the community. The density for this development is 1.95 homes per acre which is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Access to the homes would be on Zion Drive. Concerns about traffic were raised by the community and the applicant showed how the final access would line up with Hilliard Lake Drive in Chatham Town at such time as the property owners to the north were ready to develop.

DON'T FORGET: UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY FORUM ON MAY 21

The next University Community Forum will take place May 21, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the Fairfax City Hall Work Session Room, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax, VA 22030.

Updates will be provided about the George Mason University Comprehensive Plan and the continuing construction of Campus Drive by the University. The City of Fairfax will be sharing information about upcoming events, and we will do the same for activities taking place in the county that could affect our surrounding neighborhoods. If anyone has any questions or concerns that they would like to see addressed in this Forum, please feel free to contact Ann Sharp in our office at 703-425-9300 or ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov.

SEEKING HOMES TO FEATURE ON GARDEN TOUR

Each year, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District hosts a Watershed-Friendly Garden Tour of homes that have voluntarily installed conservation practices such as rain gardens, porous pavers, pollinator gardens, and other practices that not only help conserve soil & water, but are environmentally friendly. The purpose of the tour is to show people what hosts have done, and motivate them to install conservation practices on their own property where such practices are appropriate. This year the tour will take place on Sunday, June 8th from 1-5 PM, and would like to feature homes in the Burke/West Springfield/Fairfax area.

Would you like your house to be featured? The tours could range from well-kept landscapes to more forested natural properties. For the hosts, people come by, walk around the site, and ask questions over a 4-hour time period. Typically we have had 30-40 people visit each site. We can also arrange to have a volunteer help out at each site. If you are interested please contact Allison Schneider at Allison.Schneider@fairfaxcounty.gov or (703) 425-9300.

GRANT CYCLE OPENS

The 2015 Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program (NEPP) grant cycle is now open. NEPP is a county-funded competitive grant program that seeks to enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods. A total of \$100,000 is available, and the deadline for submissions is Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. This program offers up to \$5,000 in matching grant funds. A full copy of the application can be found [online](#).

The goals of the NEPP program are to:

- Promote healthier, safer and cleaner neighborhoods.
- Enhance neighborhood appearance.
- Encourage or create a culture of engagement, including facilitating communication and connections in neighborhoods between individuals, youth and families.
- Build or nurture community leadership within a neighborhood.

If you have questions about a project your community is considering or about completing the application, there will be an information meeting on Tuesday, May 13th (6:30 PM – 7:30 PM) at the Pennino Building 12011 Government Center Parkway, 10th Floor in the Virginia Room. Visit the [website](#) for more information on NEPP and to see the types of projects that have been previously funded. Many Braddock communities have been successful grant awardees in the past.

ZONING ORDINANCE ISSUES

Fairfax County Proposing Update to Noise Ordinance

Fairfax County is proposing to update its Existing Noise Ordinance (Chapter 108 of the County Code) along with its Excessive Sound Generation in Residential Areas and Dwellings Ordinance (Article 6 of Chapter 5 of the County Code). Among other things, the new ordinance would prohibit certain noises and exempt certain others. Additional information on the proposed Noise Ordinance is [available](#). A chart that shows what sounds are being regulated and what decibel level is allowed can also be [viewed](#).

Group Assembly in Residential Homes to be Examined

Over the last several years, there have been complaints from residents regarding frequent and large gatherings at neighborhood homes. These gatherings can create parking, noise, and other concerns for the neighborhood. Although occasional, large gatherings - such as private parties, house concerts, religious meetings and social clubs - are expected and permissible activities at a home, gatherings that occur on a regular basis involving numerous people can detract from the residential nature of a neighborhood. A proposal is being developed to better define in the Zoning Ordinance what constitutes a permissible "group assembly" at a residence and when such a group assembly is an appropriate "accessory use." Specifically, the proposed zoning change states "Group assembly when accessory to a dwelling unit shall be permitted, except any group assembly exceeding forty-nine (49) people in one day shall not occur more frequently than three (3) times in any forty (40) day period." Additional information on

Group Assembly in Residential Dwellings is [available](#). Supervisor Cook and others have raised significant constitutional and policy concerns with regulating private activity in private homes.

Several meetings have been scheduled by Zoning Administration staff to obtain community feedback on both the proposed Noise Ordinance changes and Group Assembly Ordinance. The meeting most convenient to Braddock residents is **Monday, May 12, 2014 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 in the Board Room**. As always, send your thoughts on both proposals to Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov

Draft Residential Studio Unit (RSU) Ordinance

The Planning Commission RSU Committee has continued to meet over the winter to receive information and comments on a possible ordinance that would allow these efficiency (zero bedroom) units to be built in Fairfax County. Braddock Planning Commissioner Nell Hurley serves on this committee. On April 9, staff provided a [revised draft](#) of the ordinance for consideration by the committee. Your thoughts and comments on this latest draft are welcomed and should be sent to both BraddockPlanning@gmail.com and Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. The next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission on this topic is May 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Rooms 4/5 at the Government Center. All meetings are open to the public and there are opportunities for comment.

World Police and Fire Games Coming to Fairfax County

In 1985, the World Police & Fire Games Federation, a non-profit organization, run by the Californian Police Athletics Federation, established the World Police & Fire Games. Today, the World Police & Fire Games are a spectacular international sporting event, offering police officers, firefighters, customs and correction officers from around the world an opportunity to showcase their athletic excellence in over 65 sporting events.

Held biennially, the World Police & Fire Games will be held in Fairfax County in 2015. The size and scope of the games continues to grow, with both the attendance and number of participating countries steadily increasing. The international community eagerly bids for the rights and opportunity to hold this exciting event.

As Fairfax County and the National Capital Region prepare to host the Games, the role of volunteers has never been more important.

The 2015 World Police & Fire Games will need upwards to 5,000 people to take on a wide variety of roles across the National Capital Region during the Games: from welcoming visitors to transporting athletes, assisting Sports Coordinators in the delivery of sport, helping out behind the scenes in the Technology team and making sure the results get displayed as quickly and accurately as possible.

Without volunteers the Games cannot exist. The organizing committee for the 2015 World Police & Fire Games is determined that this will be a wonderful opportunity for thousands of people to help deliver the most spectacular Games ever.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Games please check the [website](#).

LIBRARY EVENTS

*An Update from The Fairfax County
Public Library*

eBook clinic

Saturdays in May, 11:00 & 12:00
Wednesdays in May, 12:00

Learn to use the library's eBook collection and compatible eBook readers with our one-on-one technology volunteer. Registration required. Kings Park Library. Adults.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Monday, May 19, 10:30

Stories, songs and fun about gardens for preschoolers. Kings Park Library. Age 3-5 with adult.

Great Decisions Seminar

Tuesday, May 20, 2:00

Roundtable discussion of U.S. foreign policy. Topic: Turkey's challenges. Kings Park Library. Adults.

Brain Health Awareness

Saturday, May 31, 1:00

Learn how to promote and protect your brain function. Presented in conjunction with the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives. Kings Park Library. Adults and teens.



Adam's Angels 5K Run/Walk & Silent Auction

Date: May 17, 2014 | **Time:** 9:00 AM

Location: Robinson Secondary School, Fairfax VA

Proceeds will enable the **Adam P. Seymour Foundation** to: raise Awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), fund and place Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), fund heart research, and award scholarships. Information and online registration at www.prraces.com and www.adampseymourfoundation.org or email adamseymourfoundation@gmail.com



LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield 22152

Friday Evenings • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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| JUNE 27 | The ATOMIC Swing Club (Swing) |
| JULY 4 | NO PERFORMANCES |
| 11 | City of Fairfax "Main Street Community Band" (Concert Band) |
| 18 | Thrillbillys (Rockabilly) |
| 25 | City of Falls Church Concert Band (Concert Band) |
| AUGUST 1 | The Reunion Music Society Jazz Orchestra (Jazz) |
| 8 | The Beltway Balalaika (Russian) |
| 15 | Night Music (Rock) |
| 22 | The United States Army Blues (Jazz) |
| 29 | City of Fairfax Band "Alte Kameraden German Band" (German) |

ROYAL LAKE PARK

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax 22032

Friday Evenings • 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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| JUNE 27 | Project Natale (Jazz) |
| JULY 4 | NO PERFORMANCES |
| 11 | Folsom Prisoners (Classic Country) |
| 18 | Ryan Shupe & the RubberBand (Country/Rock) |
| 25 | Crawdaddies (Cajun) |
| AUGUST 1 | The Winstons (Motown) |
| 8 | Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark (Blues) |
| 15 | Casey MacGill (Swing) |
| 22 | The Sidley's Family (Indi-Rock) |
| 29 | Black Masala (Gypsy Fusion) |